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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

This response is made to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2002. Claims 1-28 are rejected. A marked-up copy of all claim amendments is attached as Appendix A. A clean copy of all pending claims is attached as Appendix B.

AMENDMENTS

Please enter the following amendments.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 4, 11, 15 and 23.

Amend the claims as follows:

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1. A deceleration – limiting barrier, comprising:

a net;

anchors;

a flexible strip arranged to secure the net to the anchors, with portions of the strip joined together in a manner as to be susceptible to being pulled apart under a load that is less than a load capacity of the strip; and